

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

14. (currently amended): A chemical and biological warfare agent decontaminating solution, consisting essentially of:  
a decontaminating composition consisting essentially of:  
a surfactant composition;  
a peroxygen compound; and,  
an effective amount of bleach activator for decontamination of a chemical and biological warfare agent, wherein the peroxygen compound and bleach activator are mixed in the surfactant composition in a molar ratio of from about 1.5:1 to about 4:1 prior to contacting a warfare agent.
15. (original): The decontaminating solution of claim 14, wherein the surfactant composition comprises a microemulsion.
16. (Previously presented): A kit comprising the chemical and biological warfare agent decontaminating solution of claim 14.
17. (Canceled).
18. (Canceled).
19. (Currently amended): The decontaminating solution in-situ generated peroxycarboxylic acid

~~composition of claim 14 +8, comprising a peroxygen compound of hydrogen peroxide, a bleach activator of nonanoyloxybenzene sulfonate (NOBS), and a microemulsion of didecyl methylamine oxide, decyl dimethylamine oxide, decane, water and sodium carbonate.~~

20. (Currently amended): The ~~decontamination solution in-situ generated peroxy carboxylic acid~~ composition of claim ~~14 +8~~, further comprising a buffer.
21. (Currently amended): A chemical and biological warfare agent decontaminating solution, consisting essentially of:  
a decontaminating composition consisting essentially of:  
a surfactant composition;  
a peroxygen compound;  
an effective amount of bleach activator for decontamination of a chemical and biological warfare agent, wherein the peroxygen compound and bleach activator are mixed in the surfactant composition prior to contacting a warfare agent;  
water;  
a buffer; and,  
optionally, a hydrocarbon component.